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Subject: Error in KCNA Copy - 30 December

Dear Andy:

Item W302311, Pyongyang, KCNA in English Morse to the Far East, 30 December 1954, 2035 GMT, indicated in line 16 of Graf 2 that, during a period in 1954, China supplied North Korea with "One Million" tons of grain. This figure was questioned here, after publication. The editor here got one of our teletypists to ask one of your teletypists to check the figure. Your teletypist said it should be one hundred thousand tons.

On the strength of that, we ran a correction in the Daily Report, and OCI then corrected their figures by Item 8 of the Current Intelligence Digest of 7 January.

To assure that a like series of errors will not recur, the editors here are being instructed to see to it that, when an emergency request has been handled informally, a formal request for correction go on through proper channels also. Had you received such a formal editorial message, you would have supplied a formal correction, thus protecting your other addressees, RFB, and our "B" wire. So far as I know, they did not participate in this correction at all. (The item, happily, was not carried on the "E" wire)

At your end, I suggest that you instruct the teletypists to pass on such matters to the editors so that, if we have failed here, your people will get the thing on the right track. Then, for my information, I would appreciate your looking into how "One Hundred Thousand" in English Morse can be taken for "One Million."

Sincerely,

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